GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan for construction of dams in various States are lying pending for want of central funds;

(b) if so, the details of such dams, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide assistance to State Governments for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise with particular reference to Maharashtra?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments based on their priorities. It is estimated that 477 major/medium/ERM projects will spill over from 10th plan to 11th plan. The state wise details are given in Annexure-I. Concerned with the delay in completion of the irrigation projects mainly due to the resource crunch being faced by the States, the Central Government launched the AIBP in 1996-97 to provide Central Assistance(CA) to such major/medium ongoing irrigation projects which are in advanced stage of construction and are beyond the resources capability of the States. Under the Programme, CA/Grant of Rs.19437.8837 crore has been provided to States upto March, 2006 for completion of Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation projects under AIBP. An amount of Rs.1300.0523 crore has been provided as CA/Grant for the State of Maharashtra by the Central Government upto March, 2006. The State-wise details of CA released upto March, 2006 are given in Annexure-II. The project-wise details of CA released to State of Maharashtra is given in Annexure-III.